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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KOGA ET AL.

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JOY K. CONTEE

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 57 and 58 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 57, 58 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 6/13/08 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated Tanigawa et al. (Tanigawa), US 7,305,698.

Regarding claims 1 and 2, Tanigawa discloses a transmitting apparatus, comprising: a plurality of audio channel material supplying means for supplying a plurality of audio broadcast materials of audio digital data; data supplying means for supplying digital data for an audio information screen corresponding to a transmitted audio broadcast, said digital data including interactive GUI data used to generate an

interactive on-screen display to allow interaction between the user and the display;
download audio data supplying means for supplying download audio data compressed
in a predetermined compressing format; multiplexing means for multiplexing the audio
digital data of the plurality of audio broadcasts, the digital data for the audio information
screen corresponding to the transmitted audio broadcast, and the download audio data
to form multiplexed data having an audio broadcast component, a digital data
component for audio information screen, and a download audio data component; and
transmitting means for transmitting the multiplexed data, such that each of the audio
broadcast component, the digital data component, and the download audio data
component is transmitted completely at least twice within a program period (i.e., reads
on the transmitting unit repeated transmitting)(col. 4, lines 32-64, col. 20, line 31 to col.
21, line 62 and col. 29, line 40 to col. 30, line 14).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all
obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 57-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over
Tanigawa, in view of Glaser, US Pub. No. 2006/027198, previously used.

Regarding claims 57 and 58, Tanigawa discloses the transmitting apparatus and
method of claim 1, but fails to disclose wherein said audio digital data has a first sound

quality and the download audio data has a second sound quality that is of superior quality to the first sound quality.

In a similar field of endeavor, Glaser discloses wherein said audio digital data has a first sound quality and the download audio data has a second sound quality that is of superior quality to the first sound quality (reads on an audio signal having periods of higher quality playback) (see page 12 [0096-0099]).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Tanigawa to include providing high quality playback or download for the purpose of improving sound quality results (see Glaser page 12 [0099]).

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Yoshinobu, US 5,896,555 discloses a multiplex broadcasting of audio-video programs with DTMF signals.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joy K. Contee whose telephone number is 571.272.7906. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Appiah can be reached on 571.272.7904. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Patent Examiner (PSA), Art Unit 2617